WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. Electronic equipment comprising:

an electronic equipment main body; and

an operation dial rotatably provided in said electronic equipment main body and rotatively operated through preset step rotating angles, said operation dial having a plurality of protruding portions which are formed on an outer peripheral portion at intervals equal to said step rotating angles and on which a finger nail is placed to rotate said operation dial,

wherein said electronic equipment main body is formed with a rotation regulating portion against which, when the finger nail is placed on one of said protruding portion to rotate said operation dial through said corresponding step rotating angle, the finger nail placed on said protruding portion abuts at a predetermined position to regulate rotation of said operation dial.

2. The electronic equipment according to claim 1, wherein:

said electronic equipment main body is formed with an arc portion along an outer periphery of said operation dial, with a slit formed in said arc portion,

only said protruding portions are protruded from said slit, and

said rotation regulating portion is formed on said arc portion as a convex portion extending orthogonally to said slit.

3. The electronic equipment according to claim 1, wherein:

said electronic equipment main body has a window portion formed opposite an end surface of said operation dial, and the end surface of said operation dial is provided with indications of characters or pictographs for functions executed when the rotation of said operation dial is stopped, said indications being provided for said respective step rotating angles, so that when the rotation of said operation dial is stopped, one of said indications appears in said window portion.

4. The electronic equipment according to claim 2, wherein:

said electronic equipment main body has a window portion formed opposite an end surface of said operation dial, and the end surface of said operation dial is provided

with indications of characters or pictographs for functions executed when the rotation of said operation dial is stopped, said indications being provided for said respective step rotating angles, so that when the rotation of said operation dial is stopped, one of said indications appears in said window portion.

5. A camera comprising:

a camera main body;

a lens barrel provided in said camera main body;

a driving member that is rotatively operated to drivingly extend said lens barrel; and

an operation dial which rotatively operates said driving member and which is provided integrally with said driving member so as to be rotatable through preset step rotating angles with respect to said camera main body, said operation dial having a plurality of protruding portions which are formed on an outer peripheral portion of said operation dial at intervals equal to said step rotating angles and on which a finger nail is placed to rotate said operation dial,

wherein said camera main body is formed with a rotation regulating portion against which, when said finger nail is placed on one of said protruding portion to rotate said operation dial through said corresponding step rotating angle, said finger nail placed on said protruding portion abuts at a predetermined position to regulate rotation of said operation dial, and said operation dial is rotated through one of said step rotating angles to rotatively operate said driving member to extend said lens barrel step by step in accordance with said step rotating angle.

6. The camera according to claim 5, wherein:

said camera main body is formed with an arc portion along an outer periphery of said operation dial, with a slit formed in said arc portion,

only said protruding portions are protruded from said slit, and

said rotation regulating portion is formed on said arc portion as a convex portion extending orthogonally to said slit.

7. The camera according to claim 5, wherein:

said camera main body has a window portion formed opposite an end surface of said operation dial, and the end surface of said operation dial is provided with indications of characters or pictographs for functions executed when the rotation of said operation dial is stopped, said indications being provided for said respective step rotating angles, so that when the rotation of said operation dial is stopped, one of said indications appears in said window portion.

8. The camera according to claim 6, wherein:

said camera main body has a window portion formed opposite an end surface of said operation dial, and the end surface of said operation dial is provided with indications of characters or pictographs for functions executed when the rotation of said operation dial is stopped, said indications being provided for said respective step rotating angles, so that when the rotation of said operation dial is stopped, one of said indications appears in said window portion.